

First away win

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**Chesham United 1,
Wycombe Wanderers 3**

A VASTLY improved second half performance took Wycombe Wanderers to their first away victory in the Premier Mid-week Floodlight League Section A and hauled them off the foot of the table into fourth place at Chesham on Tuesday. With games in hand over the other five clubs in the section, the Blues have a good chance of finishing top again this season (writes Stuart Earp).

Larry Pritchard and Steve Perrin both sent efforts over the crossbar early on and in the 25th minute big Les Burgess had to clear off the line by Perrin. Six minutes later, however, United deservedly took the lead with a fine goal. From Ken Gregory's throw-in, Cameron flicked the ball on to Waller, who pushed a delicate pass through for Bernie Mapp to fire under Raine's dive.

Phil Waller, Chesham's most dangerous forward went close again before the Blues pulled back to 1-1 on the stroke of half-time. Keith Searle, playing his first full game since snapping knee ligaments in November, showed the first real sign of his best form when he superbly flicked on Gamblin's long pass. Perrin picked up possession and drilled in a firm shot under Cole's body.

In complete contrast to their first half display, Wycombe began to move the ball around well after the break, passing with commendable accuracy and stretching the home defence to its limits. Keith Mead volleyed just over the top and then Perrin's header forced Cole to dive full length. Sixty seconds later Searle swerved in his first shot of the night which the keeper took well.

Under such pressure United were bound to crack sooner or later and in the 61st minute they found themselves 1-2 down. No one picked up Mead as he came up for Roger Grant's corner, sending in a looping header over Cole and just underneath the crossbar from 12 yards.

One of the most significant factors in the second half came when Dylan Evans clashed with United's Ken Gregory after one challenge. Dylan then had a few heated words with referee Keeble, who was determined to stamp his authority on the match. The outcome was a total improvement on Evans' game. Obviously still annoyed, he looked a far more competitive player and in fact brilliantly laid on the third goal two minutes from time. Gamblin, who played one of his best games of the season, laid the ball up to Evans on the flank. Pushing the ball past Le Sage, Evans outstripped the defence and crossed for Paul Birdseye to volley home a tremendous goal.

WYCOMBE: K. Raine; D. Gamblin, K. Mead, D. Bullock, R. Grant; P. Birdseye, L. Pritchard, M. Hollifield; D. Evans, K. Searle, S. Perrin. Subs. T. Reardon and P. Wood (not used).

CHESHAM: L. Cole; K. Gregory, D. Le Sage, L. Burgess, D. Summerling (sub. S. Simmonds 64 mins.); G. Taylor, A. Cameron, S. Atkins; S. Waller, B. Mapp, K. Beaven. Sub. C. Wilkins (not used).

Referee: J. Keeble (Slough).

Half-time: 1-1. **Goalscorers** — Wycombe: Perrin (45), Mead (61), Birdseye (88). Chesham: Mapp (31).

PREMIER MIDWEEK FLOODLIGHT LEAGUE

	Home				Away				
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F A	Pts.
Banbury	7	3	0	0	1	2	1	12 7	11
Chesham	10	1	1	3	2	1	2	16 15	10
Marlow	7	1	1	1	2	1	1	13 14	10
Wycombe	5	1	2	0	1	0	1	10 7	7
Maidenhead	7	1	3	1	1	1	1	6 7	7
Wokingham	8	2	0	2	0	2	2	8 13	6